

## 2023–2024 Verification Worksheet

### Independent Student

Your 2023–2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for review in a process called verification. The law says that before awarding Federal Student Aid, we may ask you to confirm the information you reported on your FAFSA. To verify that you provided correct information, we will compare your FAFSA with the information on this institutional verification document and with any other required documents. If there are differences, your FAFSA information may need to be corrected. You and a parent whose information was reported on the FAFSA must complete and sign this institutional verification document, attach any required documents, and submit the form and other required documents to us. We may ask for additional information. If you have questions about verification, contact us as soon as possible so that your financial aid will not be delayed.

### A. Independent Student's Information

Student's Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student's Identification (ID) Number
Student's Street Address (include apt. no.)			Student's Date of Birth
City State Zip Code			Student's Email Address
Student's Home Phone Number (include area code)			Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

### B. Independent Student's Family Information

List below the people in the student's household. Include:

- The student.
- The student's spouse, if the student is married.
- The student's or spouse's children if the student or spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, even if the children do not live with the student.
- Other people if they now live with the student and the student or spouse provides more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support through June 30, 2024.

For any household member who will be enrolled at least half time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary educational institution any time between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, include the name of the college. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Independent Student's Income Information to be Verified****1. TAX RETURN FILERS**

**Instructions:** Complete this section if the student and spouse filed or will file a 2021 IRS income tax return(s). *The best way to verify income is by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) that is part of FAFSA on the Web at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).* In most cases, no further documentation is needed to verify 2021 IRS income tax return information that was transferred into the student's FAFSA using the IRS DRT if that information was not changed. In most cases, for electronic filers, 2021 IRS income tax return information for the IRS DRT is available within 2–3 weeks after the 2021 electronic IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2021 paper IRS income tax returns, the 2021 IRS income tax return information is available for the IRS DRT within 8–11 weeks after the 2020 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS. Contact the financial aid office if more information is needed about using the IRS DRT.

**Check the box that applies:**

- ☐ The student has used a tax return 2021 of Puerto Rico, a U.S. Territory or freely Associated State
- ☐ The student has used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web* to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA.
- ☐ The student has not yet used the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, but will use the tool to transfer 2021 IRS income tax return information into the student's FAFSA once the 2021 IRS income tax return has been filed.
- ☐ The student is unable or chooses not to use the IRS DRT in *FAFSA on the Web*, and instead will provide the school a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)**. (signature not required)

To obtain a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript**, go to [www.irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and click on the "Order a Return or Account Transcript" link, or call 1-800-908-9946. Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and not the "IRS Tax Account Transcript." Use the Social Security Number and date of birth of the first person listed on the 2021 IRS income tax return, and the address on file with the IRS (normally this will be the address used on the 2021 IRS income tax return). In most cases, for electronic filers, a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested from the IRS within 2–3 weeks after the 2021 IRS income tax return has been accepted by the IRS. Generally, for filers of 2021 paper IRS income tax returns, the **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript** may be requested within 8–11 weeks after the 2021 paper IRS income tax return has been received by the IRS.

If the student and spouse filed separate 2021 IRS income tax returns, **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcripts** must be provided for both.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if a **2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s)** is provided.

**2. TAX RETURN NONFILERS** - The instructions and certifications below apply to the student and spouse, if the student is married. Complete this section if the student and spouse will not file and are not required to file a 2021 income tax return with the IRS.

**Check the box that applies:**

- ☐ The student and spouse were not employed and had no income earned from work in 2021.
- ☐ The student and/or spouse were employed in 2021 and have listed below the names of all employers, the amount earned from each employer in 2021, and whether an IRS W-2 form is provided. [Provide copies of all 2021 IRS W-2 forms issued to the student and spouse by their employers]. List every employer even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form. If more space is needed, provide a separate page with the student's name and ID number at the top.

Employer's Name	2021 Amount Earned	IRS W-2 Provided?
<i>(Example) Suzy's Auto Body Shop</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<b>Total Amount of Income Earned From Work</b>	<b>\$</b>	

**D. Certifications and Signatures**

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

The student information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_